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Application Center 2000: Ensuring Reliability/Availability of Web and Component Applications

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Agenda...

- Application Center 2000 overview
- Distributed Application Monitoring
- WMI: the infrastructure of management of Windows DNA and .NET
- Managing and guaranteeing application availability with Application Center
 - Performance Management
 - Event Management
 - Health Monitor for automated "lights-out" recovery from application or system failures

Scale-Out

- Software scale-out model works
 - Cost-effective using commodity hardware
 - Scalable by adding more servers
 - Highly reliable
- But...
 - Ongoing operational costs
 - Difficult to deploy apps
 - Difficult to monitor apps for proactive management
 - Difficult to test apps
- Application Center 2000:
 - Lower cost & complexity of scale out

AC 2000: Functional Overview

- Simple *Application* Management
 - Single application image
 - Deployment and synchronization
- Software Scaling Made Easy
 - On-demand scalability
 - Integrated load balancing management
- Mission-Critical Availability
 - No single point of failure
 - Performance and health monitoring

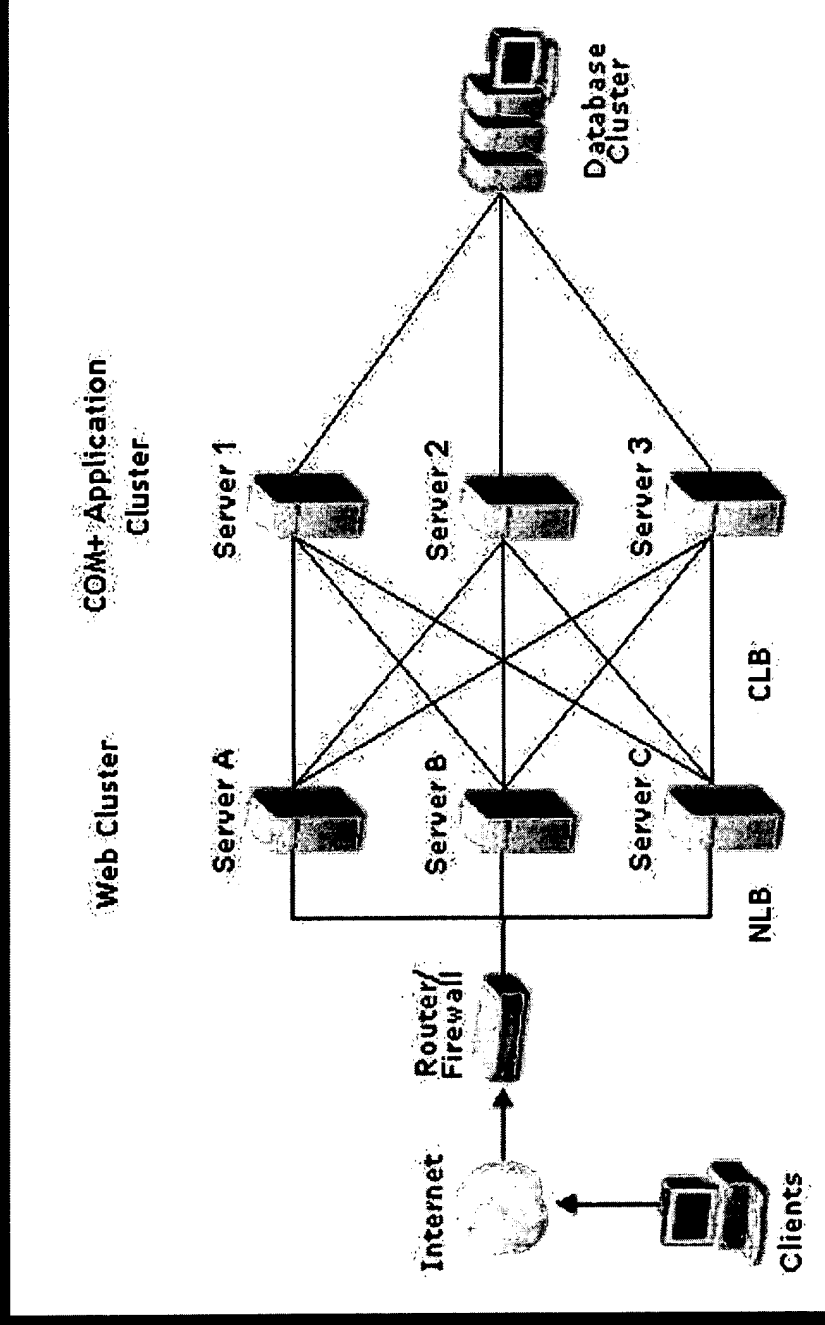
Platform Support

- WinDNA 2000
 - Win2K Server, Advanced, DataCenter
 - IIS 5, Active Server Pages (ASP)
 - COM+ 1.0
 - WMI
- .NET
 - Load Balancing for Web Services, ASP+ integrated with application-level monitoring
 - Richer instrumentation of .NET framework
 - Easier instrumentation of .NET applications
 - More integration with Application Center

Application Center Scenarios

- .COM's
- Hosting Providers & ASP's
- Intranet
- Web Services

Application Center Topology



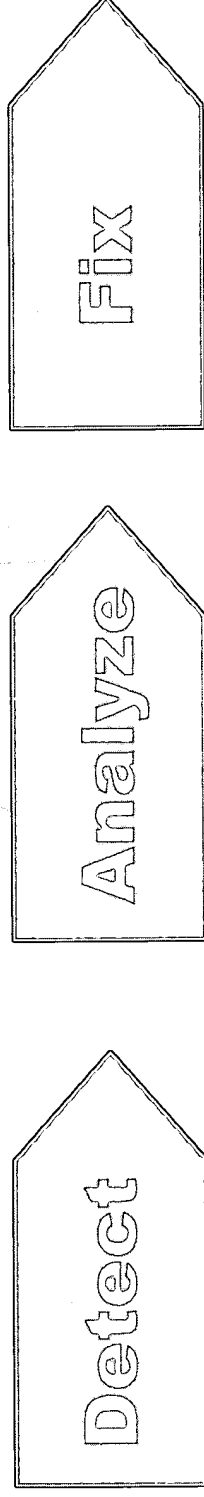
web + biz-logic + data
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Application Center 2000: High-Availability Architecture

- “Shared Nothing” clusters
 - No single point of failure
 - Application availability not affected if Cluster Controller fails
 - Fault-tolerant load balancing protects users from server or application failures
- Local Monitoring
 - Every server monitors itself
 - If critical failure detected, server can remove itself from load balancing
- Remote Monitoring
 - Rich application-level (HTTP, TCP/IP, etc.) and network level (ICMP, SNMP, etc.) remote monitoring

Monitoring For Availability

Goal: Customers can access your site



WMI + Application Center

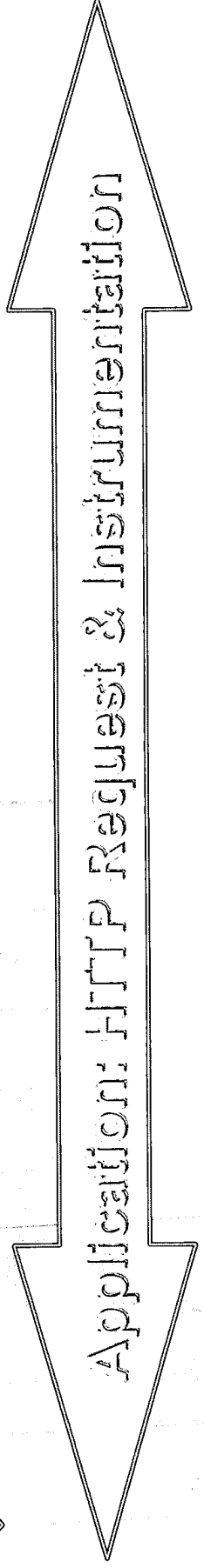
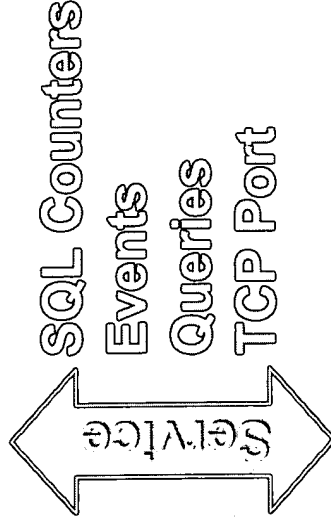
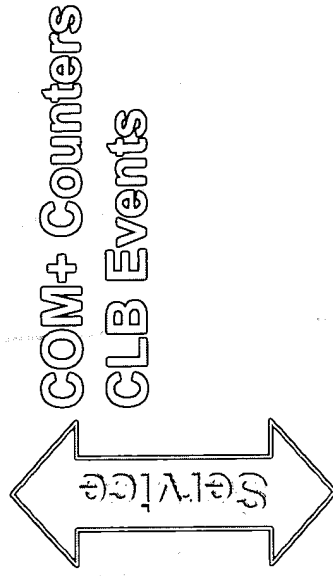
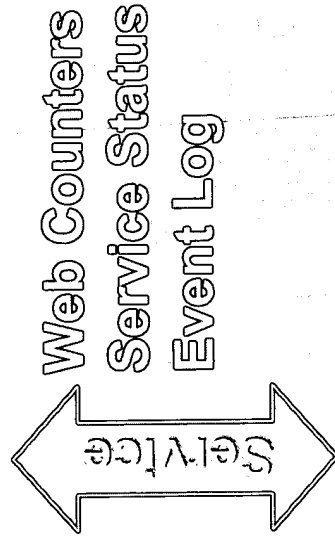
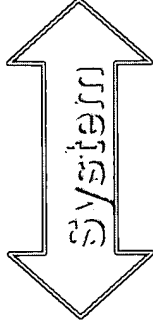
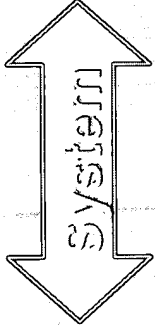
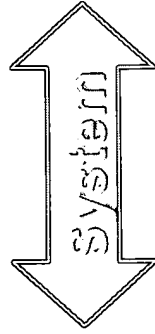
Monitoring Health

Web Server

COM+

Database

System: Processor, Memory, Disk



Demo: System Health

Detect

Analyze

Fix

- Create monitor for CPU overload
- Associate action
- Generate CPU load
- Health Monitor console
- E-mail to administrator

Using Health Monitor

Health Monitor - [Health Monitor\All Monitored Computers]

Console Window Help

Action View Favorites

Tree Favorites

- Health Monitor
 - All Monitored Computers
 - ASUTTON0-TEST
 - Actions
 - Non-Synchronized Monitors
 - Sample Monitors
 - Synchronized Monitors (Application Center)
 - Application Center Monitors
 - Online/Offline Monitors
 - W3Svc monitor
 - System Monitors
 - Processor
 - Web Site Monitors
 - Home Page verification

Details Statistics

Children of All Monitored Computers

Name	Status	Domain	OS	WMI Version	Normal	Warning	Critical
ASUTTO...	Critical	REDMOND	Microsoft ...	1.50.1085...	1	0	1

1 Items

Alerts for All Monitored Computers and its children

Severity	ID	Date/Time	Data Collector	Computer
Reset	102	6/3/2000 3:54:37 PM	Processor	ASUTTON0-TEST
Critical	302	6/3/2000 3:54:37 PM	Home Page verification	ASUTTON0-TEST
Reset	301	6/3/2000 3:54:37 PM	Home Page verification	ASUTTON0-TEST
Reset	201	6/3/2000 3:55:07 PM	W3Svc monitor	ASUTTON0-TEST

0 Items

Data Collectors

- ☐ Perf counter
- ☐ Event Log
- ☐ Service/Process
- ☐ COM+ Application
- ☐ HTTP requests
- ☐ File or Directory
- ☐ Ping
- ☐ TCP/IP port connect
- ☐ WMI instance, event and data queries

Performance Monitor Properties

General Details Actions Schedule

Specify the Windows NT Performance Monitor data to monitor (for example, the amount of available disk space on a logical disk).

Object: Processor Browse...

Counter:

<input type="checkbox"/> APcBypassesPerSec
<input type="checkbox"/> DPCBypassesPerSec
<input type="checkbox"/> DPCRate
<input type="checkbox"/> DPCsQueuedPerSec
<input type="checkbox"/> InterruptsPerSec
<input type="checkbox"/> name
<input type="checkbox"/> PercentDPCTime

Instance: Processor.name='0' Browse...

☐ Requires manual reset to return to normal

OK Cancel Apply Help

Schedule

- Collection Times
- Interval
- Average

Processor Properties [?] [X]

General Details Actions **Schedule**

Specify when, and how often, to collect data. You can also specify how many data samples are used to calculate the average value.

Collection days

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturday	

Collection times

☒ All day

☐ Only from: 12:57 PM to 12:57 PM

☐ All day except: 12:57 PM to 12:57 PM

Collection interval

Collect every: 60 seconds

Total samples for average calculation: 6

OK Cancel Apply Help

Thresholds

- Single property
- Current value, average, change
- Single or multiple occurrences
- State change
- Fires WMI Event

Threshold Properties ? X

General Expression Message Actions

Specify the condition that must be true to change the status of this item. If an action is associated with the change in status, that action will be run.

In monitoring: Performance Monitor

If this condition is true:

If the current value for: [RealNumber] PercentProcessorTime

Is greater than: [90]

Duration:

☐ Any time this occurs:

☒ At least: [6] times in a row: [2 mins]

The following will occur:

The status changes to Critical

OK Cancel Apply Help

Actions

- E-Mail
- Text log
- Windows log
- Command line
- Script

Performance Monitor Properties

General Details Actions Schedule

Specify the actions to run when the status of this item changes.

Execute Action Properties

Specify the action to execute when the state changes to the selected condition. You may also specify the throttle and reminder times.

Action to execute: Mail ACS Admin

Execution condition

☐ Normal ☐ Warning ☒ Critical

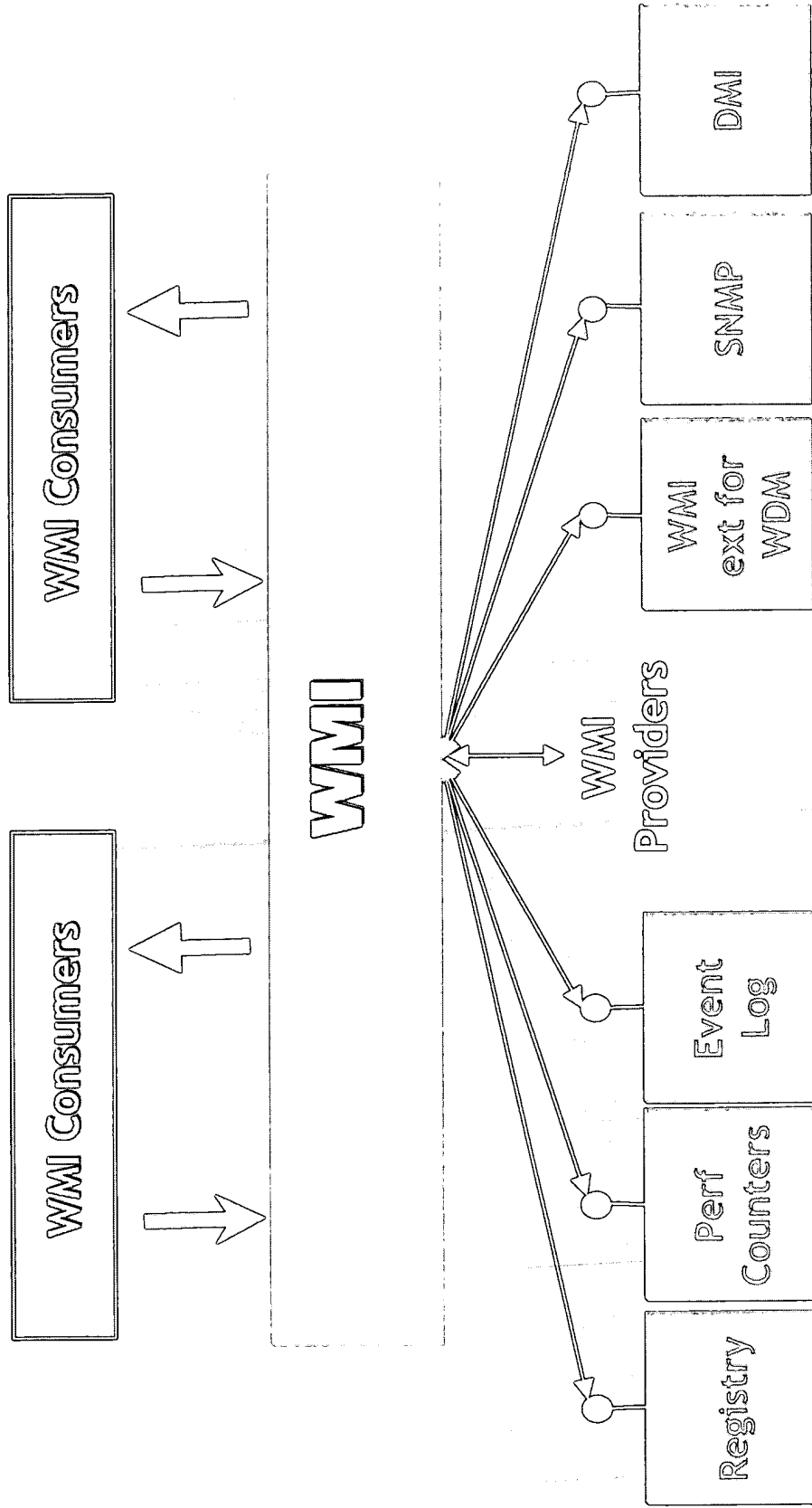
☐ No data ☐ Disabled

Throttle: 0 Second(s)

Reminder: 60 Second(s)

OK Cancel Help

WMI Overview



WMI Queries

All CIM objects are queryable

```
WbemServices: ExecQuery
("select * from Win32LogicalDisk
  where Win32LogicalDisk.Freespace < 2000000")
```

SQL subset w/ new terms

Extensions for Discovery/Traversal of Schema relationships

```
WbemServices: ExecQuery
("Associators of {Win32_Service = 'DHCP'}")
```

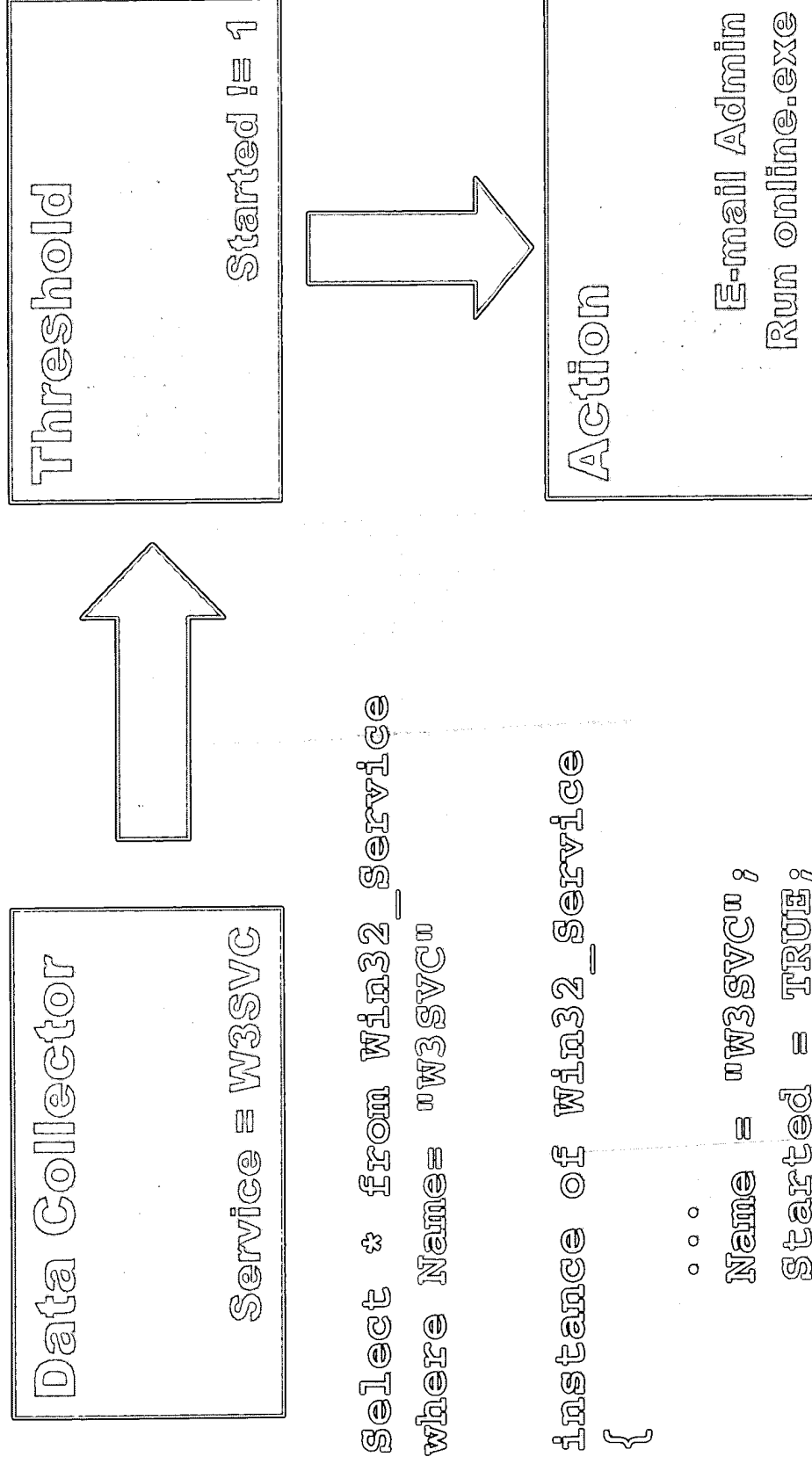
Event filtering (thresholds, aggregation, inheritance)

```
within XXXX -- for specifying the tolerance for event delay
isa -- registration applies to all events from class (incl. derived classes)
within XXXX (within group by clause) -- specifies aggregation
interval
```

```
select * from __InstanceModificationEvent within 5
where TargetInstance isa Win32_LogicalDisk
group by DriveLetter
within 10 having count > 25
```

Tip: use wbemtest or CIM Studio

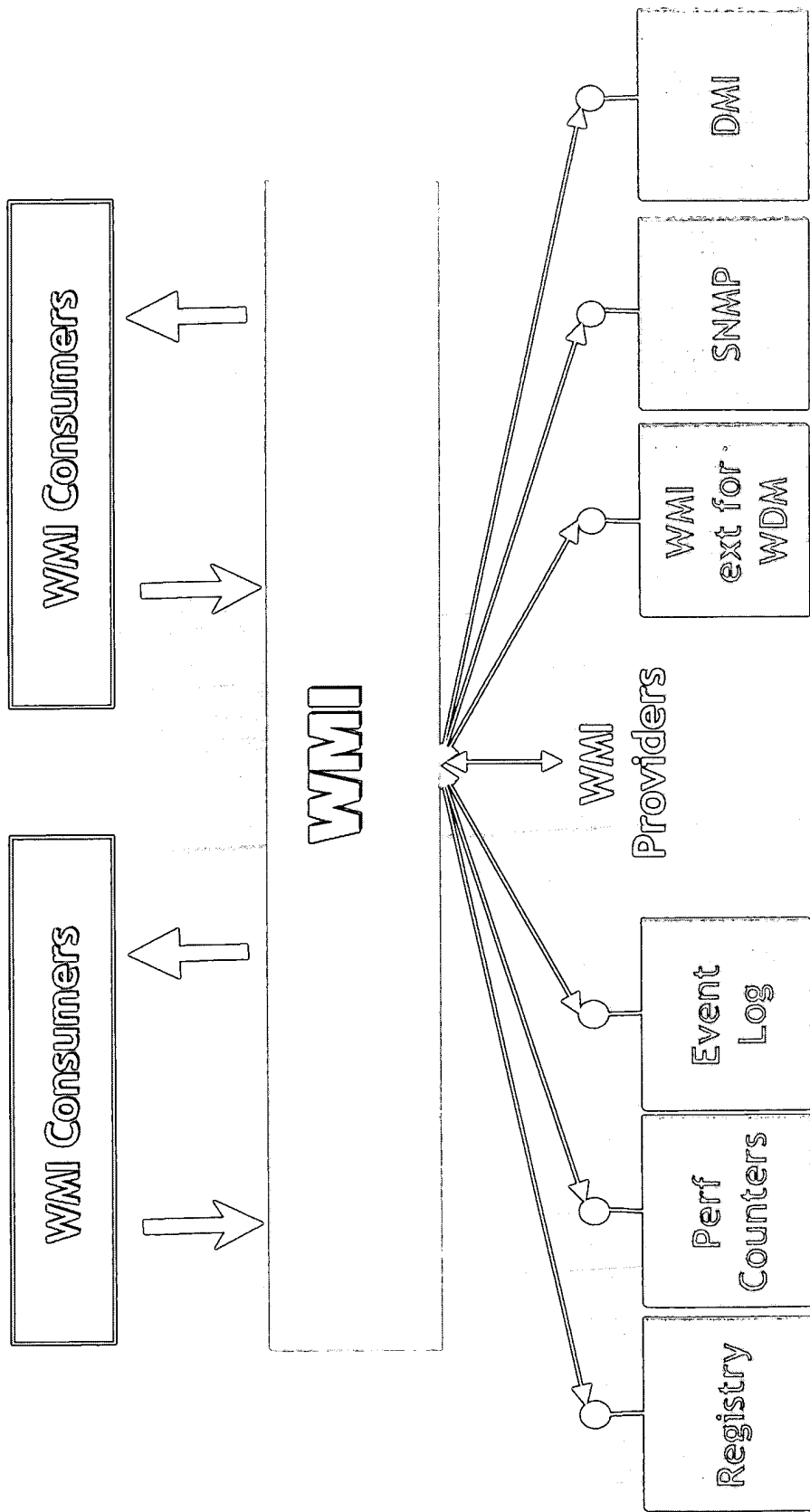
Health Monitor Data Flow



```
select * from Win32_Service  
where Name= "W3SVC"
```

```
instance of Win32_Service  
{  
    ...  
    Name = "W3SVC";  
    Started = TRUE;  
    State = "Running";  
    ...  
};
```

WMI Overview



WMI Overview

WMI

Health
Monitor
Agent

Email

Script

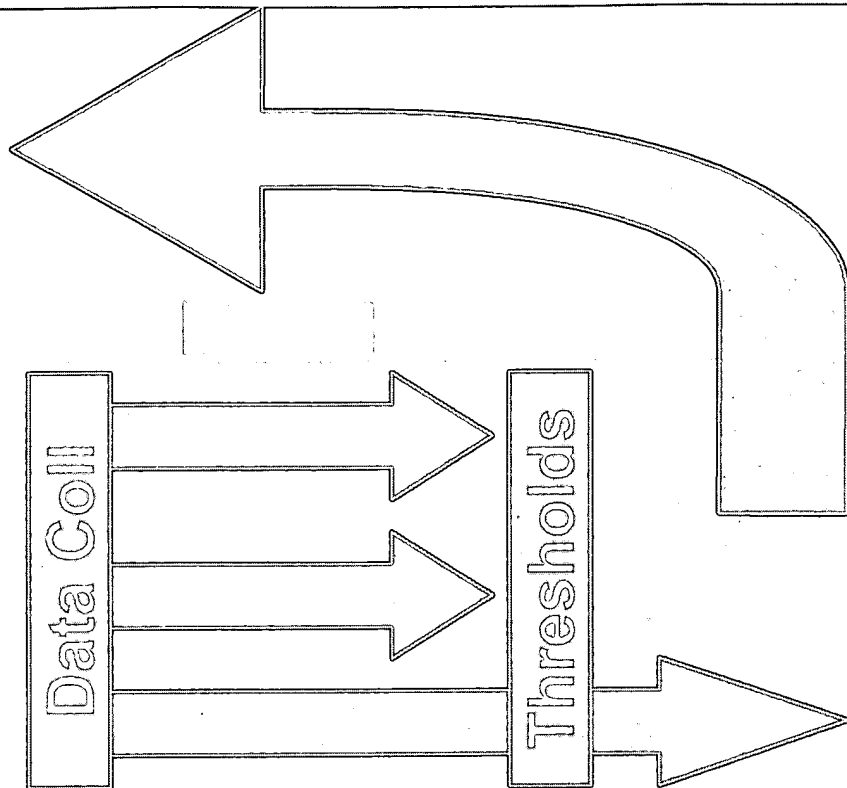
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Thresholds

Perf
Mon

HTTP

Event
Log



Demo: System Health

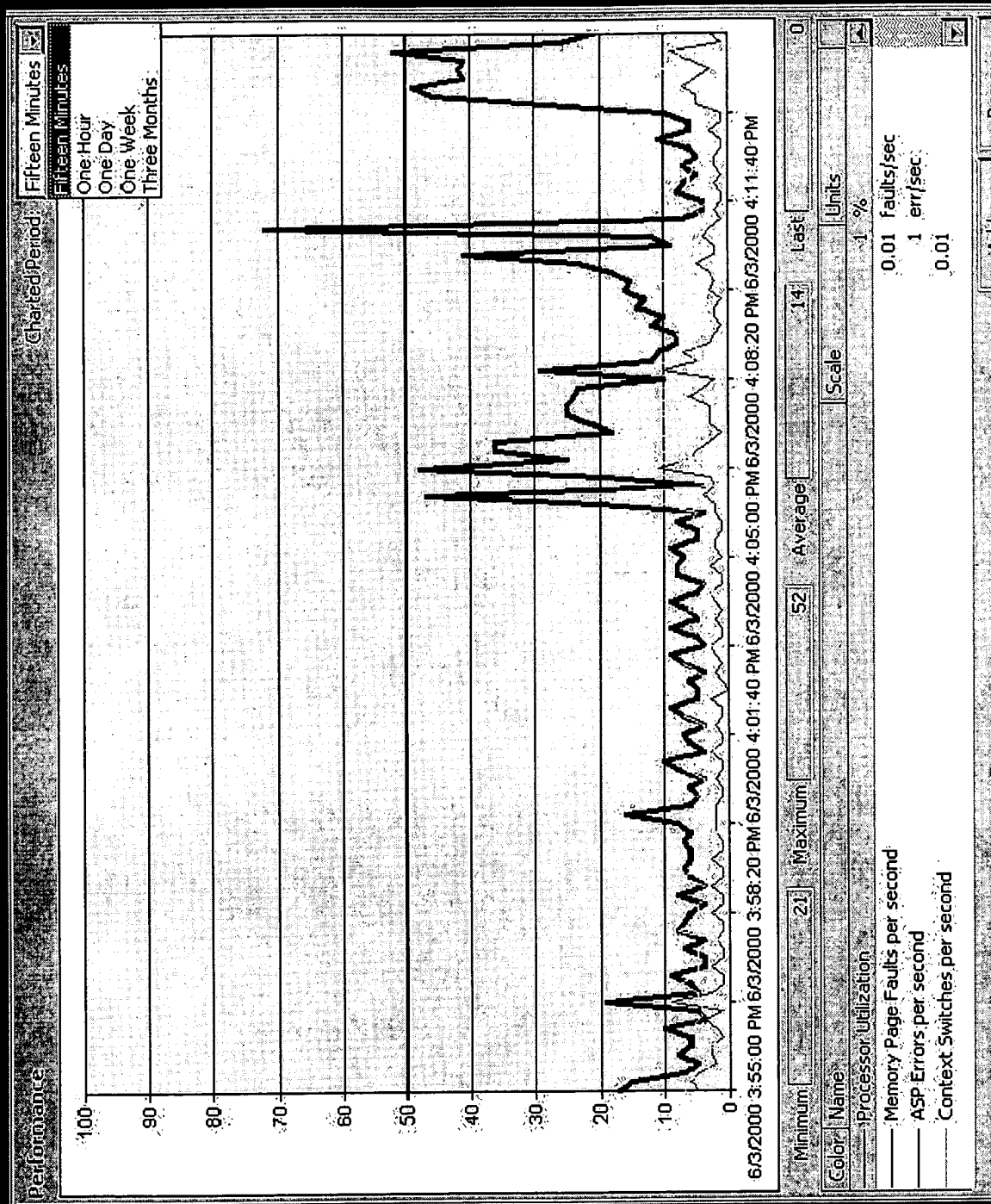
Detect

Analyze

Fix

- Monitor for CPU spikes
- Generate CPU load
- Application Center Perf Viewer
- Application Center Event Viewer
- Application Center Monitor Viewer

Performance Counters



Unified Event Log



Product: Type: Source: Event ID:

All Errors and warnings Filter

Date	Time	Server	Source	Event ID	Description
6/3/2000	4:29:44 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Service Control Man	7032	Windows - System	Windows - System
6/3/2000	4:29:30 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Perf	2002	Windows - Application	Windows - Application
6/3/2000	4:29:27 PM	ASUTTON0-TES DCOM	10010	Windows - System	Windows - System
6/3/2000	4:29:22 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Home Page verificati	302	Health Monitor - Page Returned an error	Health Monitor - Page Returned an error
6/3/2000	4:29:17 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Service Control Man	7023	Windows - System	Windows - System
6/3/2000	3:54:50 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Cluster	4036	Application Center - Indicates that the cluster	Application Center - Indicates that the cluster
6/3/2000	3:54:37 PM	ASUTTON0-TES Home Page verificati	302	Health Monitor - Page Returned an error	Health Monitor - Page Returned an error
6/3/2000	3:54:36 PM	ASUTTON0-TES IISInfoCt	1003	Windows - Application	Windows - Application
6/3/2000	3:54:36 PM	ASUTTON0-TES W3Svc monitor	201	Health Monitor - W3Svc Stopped/Started	Health Monitor - W3Svc Stopped/Started
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6/3/2000 3:54:50 PM ASUTTON0-TEST

Application Center

Source: Cluster Loadbalancing

The server was not brought online because monitor state is critical.

[View troubleshooting information for this event](#)

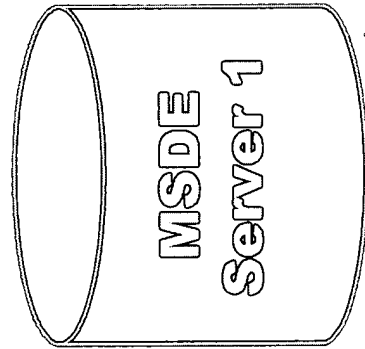
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Cluster-Wide View

Events

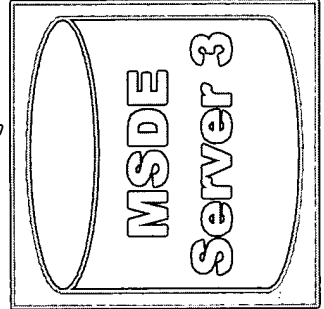
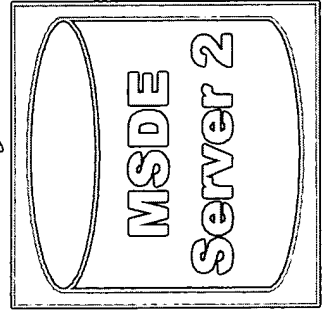
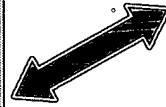
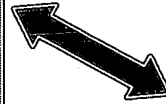
Performance

Cluster Controller



AC Admin

Rollup
Component

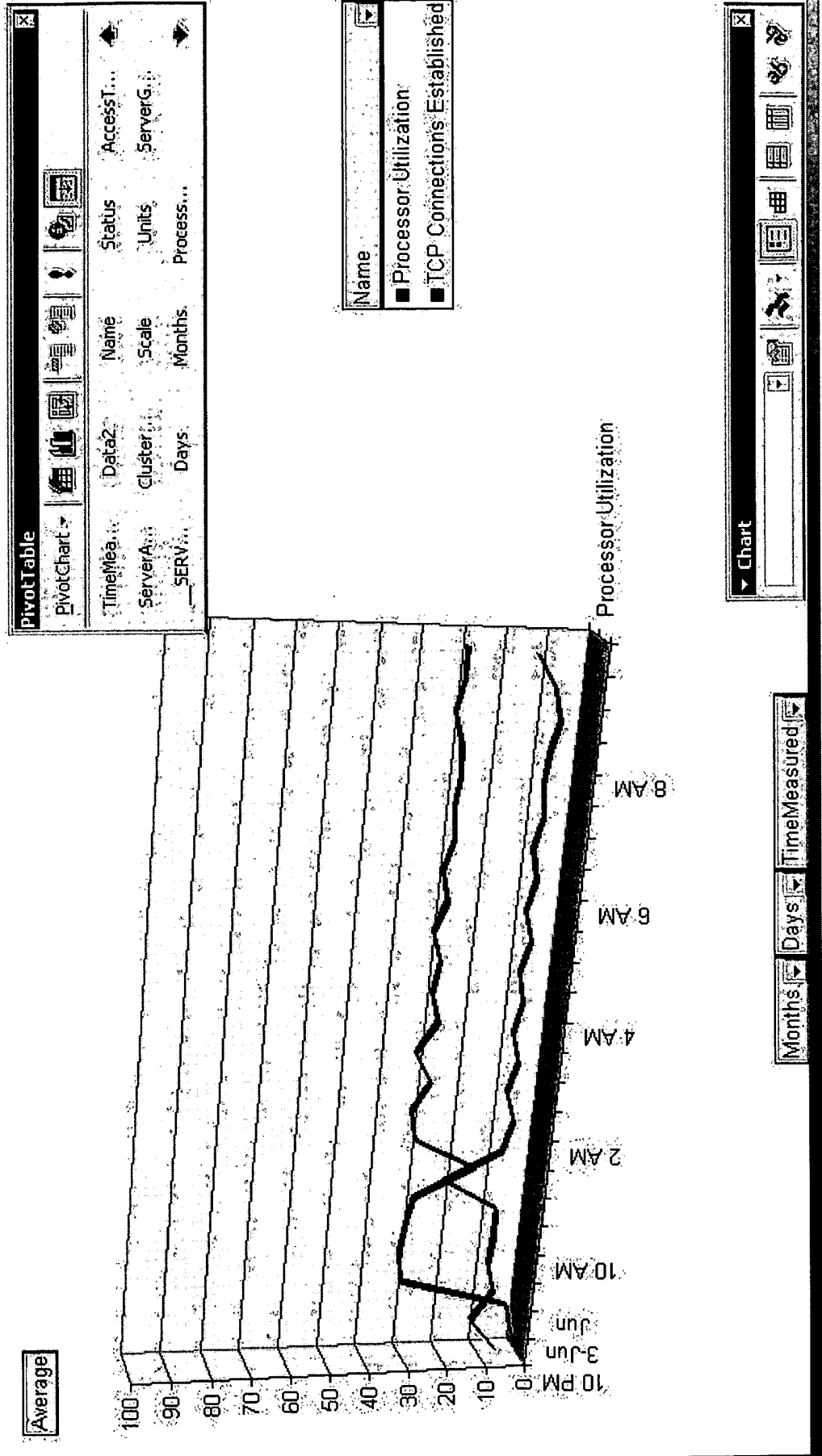


Name	Type	Status	Details
Cluster	Cluster	Online	Cluster Group
Cluster Group	Cluster Group	Online	Cluster Service
Cluster Service	Cluster Service	Online	Cluster Resource
Cluster Resource	Cluster Resource	Online	Cluster Service

Log Access Possibilities

SERVER (All)

Cluster Performance Counters



Monitoring Extensibility

- Application Center WMI Provider
- Extract Application Center logs
- Query and reporting tools
- 3rd party monitoring tools
- WMI event consumer

Demo: Application Availability

Detect

Analyze

Fix

- Create HTTP Monitor
- Web Service Monitor
- Associate Action
- Stop web service on member
- Monitors fail and state goes critical
- Action takes server offline
- E-mail admin and alert in event log

Application Availability

- Monitors can control load balancing
 - If monitor fails, server goes offline
 - Default Application Center rule
- Scriptable to extend behavior
- Beware taking all servers offline
 - Redirect page if database error
 - Or custom scripts

Web Page Monitors

- ☐ URL
- ☐ Timeout
- ☐ Authentication
- ☐ HTTP Method
- ☐ Post Data
- ☐ Custom Headers

The screenshot shows the 'HTTP Monitor Properties' dialog box with the 'HTTP Advanced Options' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'General', 'Details', and 'Schedule'. The 'General' tab is active, displaying a message: 'You can specify specific login information or information to send to a Web server to ensure that the server is processing forms correctly.' Below this message are three sections: 'HTTP method:' with a dropdown menu showing 'GET'; 'Follow HTTP redirects:' with a checked checkbox; and 'Form POST data:' with an empty text area. Below these is the 'Extra HTTP headers:' section with another empty text area. At the bottom right are four buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Help'.

HTTP Monitor Properties

General Details Schedule

HTTP Advanced Options

You can specify specific login information or information to send to a Web server to ensure that the server is processing forms correctly.

HTTP method: GET

☒ Follow HTTP redirects

Form POST data:

Extra HTTP headers:

OK Cancel Apply Help

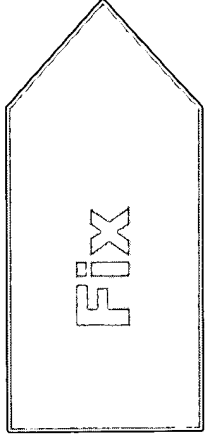
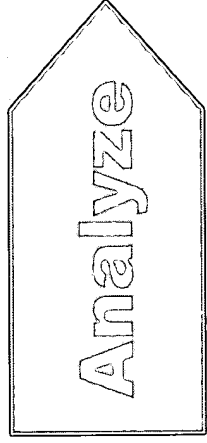
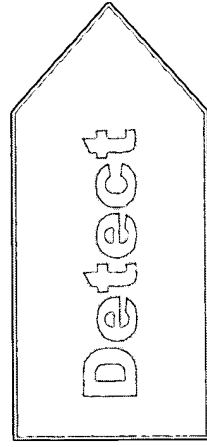
Web Page Monitors

- Response Properties
 - Status code, response time, last modified
 - Text response, binary response, headers
 - Content length, received bytes
- Actions
 - Take offline
 - Redirect to a different page
 - Check other monitors
 - Run a script

Database Monitors

- Database health
 - Performance Counters and Events
 - SQL DMO Provider
- Connectivity to the server
 - TCP/IP port connect
- Successful query
 - ASP page

Database Monitoring Script



- Demo ASP database monitor

COM+ Statistics Provider

- ❑ Execution metrics
 - ❑ Total committed transactions and per sec
 - ❑ Total aborted transactions and per sec
 - ❑ Total object creations and per sec
 - ❑ Total object activations and per sec
 - ❑ Shutdowns: total, timeout, admin, failure
 - ❑ Object pool timeouts
- ❑ Win32_Process statistics (dllhost.exe)
 - ❑ Handles, working set, page faults, processor time...

Monitoring Health

Web Server

COM+

Database

Sys

System

System

Goal: Customers

can access

Web

Service

Event Log

Service

Perf Counters

Events

Queries

TCP Port

Service

Application: HTTP Request & Instrumentation

Application Center Monitoring

- Health Monitor Integration
 - Monitoring samples
 - Load balancing control
 - Replication of monitors and time
 - Operators view
- Cluster-wide event log
- Cluster-wide performance counters

Best Practices

Detect

Analyze

Fix

- ❑ Instrumentation
 - ❑ HTTP, ping and port connect monitors
 - ❑ PerfMon and Event Log
 - ❑ WMI Provider
- ❑ Monitor application health
 - ❑ What does availability mean to you?
 - ❑ Baseline performance
 - ❑ Watch out for false positives

Call to Action

- Install Application Center Beta 1 !
- Monitor and instrument your applications
- Develop an operations plan
- Understand WMI

Related Sessions And References

- Other PDC sessions recommended
 - *Load-Balancing .NET Platform Applications with Application Center 2000*
(2-315, Room 311, 9/12/00, 2:45 p.m. Ori Amiga)
 - *Using WMI to Build Management into .NET Platform Applications*
(3-344, Room 304, 9/12/00, 2:45 p.m. Corina Feuerstein; Travis Muhlestein; Stephen Todd)
 - *Scaling out the Data Tier with Shared Nothing Clustering Technology in SQL Server 2000 and Beyond*
(2-328, Room 109, 9/13/00, 5:30 p.m., Pedro Cells)
- References
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/applicationcenter>
 - WMI Reference: Platform SDK, Management Services

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